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House Bill No. 5617

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-87a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (b) Advanced nursing practice is defined as the performance of
5 advanced level nursing practice activities that, by virtue of postbasic
6 specialized education and experience, are appropriate to and may be
7 performed by an advanced practice registered nurse. The advanced
8 practice registered nurse performs acts of diagnosis and treatment of
9 alterations in health status, as described in subsection (a) of this
10 section, and shall collaborate with a physician licensed to practice
11 medicine in this state. [If practicing in (1) an institution licensed
12 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491 as a hospital, residential
13 care home, health care facility for the handicapped, nursing home, rest
14 home, mental health facility, substance abuse treatment facility,

15 infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of
16 students enrolled in, and faculty and staff of, such institution, or
17 facility operated and maintained by any state agency and providing
18 services for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment or care of human
19 health conditions, or (2) an industrial health facility licensed pursuant
20 to subsection (h) of section 31-374 which serves at least two thousand
21 employees, or (3) a clinic operated by a state agency, municipality, or
22 private nonprofit corporation, or (4) a clinic operated by any
23 educational institution prescribed by regulations adopted pursuant to
24 section 20-99a, the advanced practice registered nurse may, in
25 collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this
26 state, prescribe, dispense, and administer medical therapeutics and
27 corrective measures.] In all [other] settings, the advanced practice
28 registered nurse may, in collaboration with a physician licensed to
29 practice medicine in [the] this state, prescribe, dispense and administer
30 medical therapeutics and corrective measures and may request, sign
31 for, receive and dispense drugs in the form of professional samples in
32 accordance with sections 20-14c to 20-14e, inclusive, except that an
33 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to section 20-94a
34 and maintaining current certification from the American Association of
35 Nurse Anesthetists who is prescribing and administering medical
36 therapeutics during surgery may only do so if the physician who is
37 medically directing the prescriptive activity is physically present in the
38 institution, clinic or other setting where the surgery is being
39 performed. For purposes of this subsection, "collaboration" means a
40 mutually agreed upon relationship between an advanced practice
41 registered nurse and a physician who is educated, trained or has
42 relevant experience that is related to the work of such advanced
43 practice registered nurse. The collaboration shall address a reasonable
44 and appropriate level of consultation and referral, coverage for the
45 patient in the absence of the advanced practice registered nurse, a
46 method to review patient outcomes and a method of disclosure of the
47 relationship to the patient. Relative to the exercise of prescriptive
48 authority, the collaboration between an advanced practice registered
49 nurse and a physician shall be in writing and shall address the level of

50 schedule II and III controlled substances that the advanced practice
51 registered nurse may prescribe and provide a method to review
52 patient outcomes, including, but not limited to, the review of medical
53 therapeutics, corrective measures, laboratory tests and other diagnostic
54 procedures that the advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe,
55 dispense and administer. An advanced practice registered nurse
56 licensed under the provisions of this chapter may make the
57 determination and pronouncement of death of a patient, provided the
58 advanced practice registered nurse attests to such pronouncement on
59 the certificate of death and signs the certificate of death no later than
60 twenty-four hours after the pronouncement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-87a(b)
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PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Passage of this bill will result in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5617

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.***

SUMMARY:

This bill allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to request, receive, and dispense sample medications in all health care settings. Current law allows APRNs to do this only in noninstitutional settings (i.e., a physician's office).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 2 (03/10/2006)